



THE Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday January 2d, 1724.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 28.

Since our last arrived 1 Mail from France.

Petersburg, Decem. 1.

THE Court received an Expres the 28th past from Constantinople; upon which the Privy Council was held the next Day, and the 30th Couriers were sent away to Astracan and Derbent, and to Kiow, and other Places in Ukrania, with Orders to the Generals there commanding the Czar's Forces.

They write from Moscow, that a great Fire broke out in that City on the 11th of November, by which 40 Houses, with a Lutheran and Roman Catholic Church, were in a little Time reduc'd to Ashes in the German Suburbs.

Prince Menzikoff has so far regained their Russian Majesties Favour, that he lately was admitted to the Privy Council, and appointed Generalissimo of all the Forces in Great Russia. That Prince made a free Gift of 6000 Rubles towards the Building of a Lutheran Church, which extremely pleased the Czariana, who was born and brought up in that Religion.

General Czeremetoff, who was to go as Ambassador to Constantinople, is now ordered, with one of the Regency of Moscow, to go in the same Quality to the Court of the Great Mogul.

The Czar our Emperor had lately a violent Fit of the Cholic, of which he is now recovered.

London, Decem. 28. This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 116, 5 8ths. S. S. Annuity, 101, 3 8ths. Bank, 126. India, 142. African, 27, 1 half. York Buildings, 13, 1 4th.

From

*From the Evening Post.**Hamburg, December, 28,**The Emperor of Russia has issued an Edict importing in Substance as follows.*

WE Peter first Emperor of Russia, &c. make known to all the several States of our Dominions, &c. That whereas it is Customary for all Christian Princes to cause the Princesses their Consorts, to be crowned, the same having been practised, not only in our Days, but also in former Ages, by the true Orthodox Greek Emperors, viz. the Emperor Wasitis who put the Imperial Crown on the Head of his Empress Cinovia, as also Justinian caused Loupitia his Empress to be Crown'd, so did likewise many others too numerous to be here mentioned.

Moreover 'tis known by all the World, that during the Course of a War of 21 Years, we exposed, for the Sake of our Country, our Person to all Manner of Fatigues and Dangers, which War, by the favourable Assistance of Heaven ended at last by a Peace, as honourable and advantageous to the Russian Empire, as ever any was obtained, &c.

In all which Pains and Fatigues, we were constantly accompany'd by our most dearly beloved Consort, her Majesty the Empress Catharina, who without regarding the natural Weakness of her Sex, not only exposed herself to the said Fatigues, but had a great Share in several military Expeditions, assisting us with her Counsel, particularly in the Battle with the Turks near the Pruth, where our whole Army consisted of no more than 22000 Men, and that of our Enemy of upwards of 270000, where her Majesty behaved herself more like a Hero than like a Woman. The Truth of which can be questioned in no Part of our Dominions, being attested by our whole Army.

For these Reasons, and by virtue of the Power and Authority lodged in us, by the Divine Providences, we are resolved to reward the great Labours of our said Consort with the Honour of a Crown, designing to perform the Formalities of it, this Wintet at Moscow, if GOD permits, &c.

Letters from Hanover confirm the former Reports of Alterations in that Ministry.

Moscow, Nov. 20. The Great Chancellor having notified to all the foreign Ministers, that our Emperor designs to go to Moscow, and there be crowned Emperor of all Russia, his Imperial Majesty expects they will accompany him thither, and attend at that solemnity, and that those whose Masters have not as yet owned his Majesty's Title as Emperor will not start any Difficulty on that Account, upon this some of the said Ministers answered, they were ready to undertake that Journey, and would punctually obey the Orders of their Principals, in what relates to that Acknowledgement. Its talked that it has been resolved to have in Ukrania, under the Command of Prince Menzikoff, an Army of 45000 Men, all regular Forces, besides the like Number of Cossacks and Tartars, and also to augment to 3000 Men every Regiment in Estonia, Livonia and Courland.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Dantzick, Decem. 3. The Duke of Mecklemburg and the Duke of Courland continue their Abode in this City, and we see little Likelihood of the Departure of the first of these Princes for Petersburg, as has been long and often reported he intended to do; we now rather believe he will take a Journey to his own Dutchy. The Russian Commissary M. Evadman, who still abides in this City, having finished about a Month ago, the sending by Water to Petersburg the great Magazine of Corn he had bought here, received Orders by last Post, to buy this Winter a Thousand Lasts more of Corn, and to put it into the Store-houses, in order to its being sent in the Spring likewise to Petersburg; but for some Days past they have ceased the Levy of Seamen for the Service of his Czarish Majesty.

At the further Desire of the Anonymous Letter before mentioned, the following Act is insert.

Anno Tertio Georgii Regis.

An Act for Explaining an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, Intituled: An Act to Oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates; and for Enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for Securing Purchases made by Protestants.

W H E R E A S by an Act made in this present Parliament, Intituled, *An Act to Oblige Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates*, It is Enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, not having taken the Oaths thereinmentioned before the last Day of Trinity Term, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, having any Estate or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or who should thereafter have any Estate or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, lying, being or arising in that Part of Great Britain called England, or in Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, who was or should be a Popish Recusant or Papist, or was or should be Educated in the Popish Religion, or whose Parent or Parents should be a Papist or Papists, or should use or profess the Popish Religion, should Take the Oaths, and Repete and Subscribe the Declaration therein mentioned, at such Times, and in such Manner, as is therein expressed, or in Default thereof should, within the Space of Six Months next after the Time thereby appointed for him, her, or them to take the said Oaths, Register, or cause to be Registered, his, her, or their Name or Names, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof he, she, or they, or any Trustee or Trustees for him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Benefit or Advantage, should be in the Possession, or in Receipt or Perception of the Profits, in such Manner and Form as is therein expressed, upon Pain that the Person and Persons wilfully neglecting or refusing so to do, or committing any Fraud in such Registry, should Forfeit the Fee-simple and Inheritance of all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not Registered, or fraudulently Registered, whereof he, she, or they, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, was or were Seized in Fee-simple at the time of such Default or Fraud in Registering, as aforesaid, and the full Value of the Inheritance of all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not Registered, or fraudulently Registered, as aforesaid, whereof he, she, or they, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, was not or were not Seized in Fee-simple at the time of such Default or Fraud, as aforesaid, two Third parts thereof to the King, and the other Third part thereof to such Person or Persons, being a Protestant or Protestants, who should Sue for the same at the Common Law in any of his Majesty's Courts at Westminster, or in the High Court of Chancery, as by the said Act more fully appears: For Amending and Explaining the said Act, and giving a further Time to the Papists to Register their Names and Real Estates, Be it therefore Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Time for such Registering be Enlarged, and the same is hereby Enlarged to the Twentieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventeen.

And

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Action or Suit for any Penalty or Forfeiture contained in this or the said former Act, for wilfully neglecting or refusing to Register, or for committing Fraud in such Registry, shall be commenced or brought after Two Years after the Offence committed against any Person offending herein.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where it shall happen that any Manors, or reputed Manors, Demesne, or other Lands, or entire Farms, do lie in more Counties than one, the Registering of such Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County only where the Manor-house, or the House or Houses to the said Farm or Lands do lie, and not in several Counties, taking Notice thereof in the said Registry, that the same do extend to such other Counties, shall be a sufficient Registering of such entire Manors, Farms or Lands, within the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act.

And whereas some Doubts have arisen, as well upon the said recited Act, as also upon one other Act made and passed in the Parliament held in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of the late King *William the Third*, Intituled, *An Act for the further Preventing the Growth of Popery*; and upon another Act made in the First Year of the Reign of the late King *James the First*, for the due Execution of Statutes against Jesuites, Seminary Priests, Recusants, and other Acts made against Papists and Popish Recusants, touching the Sale of the Real Estates of Persons professing the Popish Religion, or incurring the Disabilities and Incapacities in the said Acts mentioned; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Sale for a full and valuable Consideration of any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Interest therein, by any Person or Persons, being reputed Owner or Owners, or in the Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits thereof, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, to and for any Protestant Purchaser and Purchasers, and meerly and only for the Benefit of Protestants; shall be avoided or, &c.

[To be Concluded in our Next.]

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Petersburg, Dec. 1 'Tis assured that his Imperial Majesty has declared, that part of his Fleet shall put to Sea every Year to exercise the Sailors. The Minister of France is treating for the Purchases of a great Quantity of Oak Timber, for Building of Ships, but that it cannot be furnished at the Price he offers because it must be brought from Cassan.

The Admiralty have sent Orders to Revel to fit out three Men of War, who were lately disarmed there, and which were said to be designed for Spain; four Frigates are added to them. His Czarish Majesty is very busy regulating Matters for his Journey to Moscow; he has nominated four of the Directors of the East India Company to attend him thither, in order to put the new Settlement of that Company upon a lasting Foot. The Regiments that are left behind here consist of 14000 Men, 6000 are to have their Winter Quarters in Courland, and 8000 in Ingermerland. These Forces are to be augmented with 10000 new raised Men against next Spring.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 28, 1723.

They write from Brussels, That the Weather has been lately very tempestuous in these Parts, Particularly on the 21st. Instant, between 8 and 9 a-Clock at Night, a great Storm then happened of Wind, Rain and Hail, with dreadful Lightning and Thunder: It began again the next Evening, and held in the same terrible Manner till past Mid-night; abundance of large Trees were blown down in the Forrest of Soignies, and divers Merchant Ships laden with Wine were cast away near Ostend, from whence 'tis advised, That three Ships lay ready in that Harbour to sail to China, for the Service of the new East India Company in the Austrian Netherlands. 'Tis feared that all the Instances which have been made

to the Emperor for bringing this Affair to an amicable Accommodation will prove ineffectual; but perhaps a Time may come, when the King of Great Britain finding no other Methods can prevail, will exert his Power against the Violation of those Treaties of which his Majesty is Guarantee. We are told, That the Minister of their High Mightinesses at Ratisbon has made great Complaints to those of the Emperor, of a scandalous Pamphlet relating to the Ostend Company, written by a Son of an Imperial Councilor, and published throughout the Empire.

Letters from Paris of the First of January N. S. advise, That the Household which is given by the King to the Duke of Orleans, is somewhat like that granted to Francis the First, during the Time that he was Count of Angoulême, as presumptive Heir of the Crown. His Majesty has also given to the Dutchess of Orleans an Augmentation of Officers of her Household, and has appointed the Marshal de Tessé first Master of Horse to the Infanta Queen; and his Lordship is to set out on his Embassy to Madrid in a few Days.

These Letters give no News of the opening of the Cambray Congress: But as to the Reports that have been made, of Differences still subsisting between the Courts of Great Britain and Spain, on Account of Gibraltar, Portmahon, and other Matters, so as to occasion further Delays, and some new Alterations in the Quadruple Alliance, we shall, no Doubt, be soon satisfied to the contrary from his Majesty's Speech to the Parliament, whose Arrival is now Hourly expected.

Last Thursday died Sir Griffin Talbot a Roman Catholic, and Brother to the late Duke of Tyrconnel. The same Day Sir George Masson was married to Ms. de Langley, a Gentlewoman of 30000 L. Fortune.

The Church of St. John Clarksnewell was consecrated Yesterday by the Bishop of London, with much Ceremony, on which Occasion the Reverend Dr. Lobden, his Lordship's Chaplain preached a Sermon from *Leviticus* 19, Verse 30.

The Duke of Cambridge, one of the best Ships belonging to the Turkey Company, laden with several hundred Bales of Broad-cloth, &c. to the Value of near 100000l. had the Misfortune as she was piloted down the River yesterday to proceed on her Voyage, to run on shore on a Sandy Bank called Barkinshelf, near Dagenbroeth, and lay half full of Water for some Time, but being got off again, is got into Deptford, where they are busy in taking out the Cloth; most of which, 'tis thought, must be washed and dy'd again. This Loss is very great.

We should have added in our Account above mentioned from Paris, That her most Christian Majesty was taken ill the 29th Instant, and it being apprehended that her Illness might prove the small Pox. The Doors of Communication between the King's Apartments and her's were shut up, the next Day his Majesty went and lay at Trianon.

On Christmas Day, Mr. George Wilton, often mentioned in Layer's Trial, with Reference to the Part he was to act in the late Conspiracy, made his Escape from the King's Messenger that had him in Custody; and 'tis said a Proclamation will be issued, with a Reward for the apprehending of him. We have no News of the King tho' the Wind continues fair.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THAT next Week will be published Three Essays.

1. On the Character of an Agent.
2. Of a busy Body.
3. Of a R---v---nd Hypocrite with a Prefatory Poem inscribed to the University and Ministers of *Aberdeen*, by *Some-folks. Exce Homo.*

That

That the Lands of Wallace Craigie, lying at the East-port of Dundee, within the Parochine thereof, and Sheriffdom of Forfar, holding Taxward of the Crown, being 1030 Merks of free Rent, as they were last set in Tack, with the Mansion-House, consisting of Dinning Room, 3 Bed Rooms, 2 Closets, and 2 large Garrets, with Kitchen, Brew-house, Washing-house, two Barns, Stables, Loft and Oxen Byer, &c. all well slated, with a convenient Garden, inclosed with a good Stone Dike, and a good Quantity of barren Planting likewise inclosed, are to be exposed to public voluntary Roup and Sale, in the House of Ms. Kid in Dundee, on the 21st. Day of January 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 3 in the Afternoon; the Progress of Writs and Condition of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of Sir Alexander Wedderburn of Blacknefs, or David Brisbane Writer in Dundee.

IT being resolved at the last general Meeting of the Creditors of Mr. David Watson, to lead an Adjudication of his real Estate, and that the Summonds should be raised and execute against the 20th of January Instant, that the Creditors may not suffer by any further Delay, these are to advertise such of the saids Creditors as have not yet given in their Grounds of Debt to Alexander Christy, Agent for the Creditors, to give in the same, betwixt and the 15th Instant, with Certification if they fail they will not afterwards be received.

Alexander Christy.

†† These are to advertise, That the annual general Meeting of the Friendly Contributors of Edinburgh, is to be held on Monday the 13th. of January next, at 3 a-Clock Afternoon, in Mary's Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.

** That upon the Sixth Day of January next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, in the Writers Court there, between 3 and 4 a-clock in the Afternoon, will be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh House or Cellar, consisting of Six Rooms, whereof 4 are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of Bell's Wynd. The Conditions of Roup and Progress of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of Andrew Geddes Writer in Edinburgh, at his House at the Bank-clofe Head.

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